

#smellwalk @katemclean

SMELLWALKED IN BURGH FEB 2017

Smellwalk with: Kate McLean (RCA/CCCU)

Date: Monday 6 February 2017

Time: 12pm – 12.30pm

Requirement: Curiosity

“Humans can discriminate at least 1 trillion olfactory stimuli”

Bushdid et al (2014)

“Unlike the eyes, we can’t close our noses. We breath 24,000 times a day immersed in smells, but only paying scant attention. Despite digital sensor development the nose remains the most sensitive data collection device that exists for smell information. This anti-technological method is designed to encourage discussion about the human and ephemeral-environment reciprocity as mediated by the human body.

Smellwalking (walking ‘nose-first’) proposes a knowledge of the world through individual sensory information. Is your experience of smell binary or nuanced? What smells do you encounter?

Through three staged short walks we will come to know ‘nose-first’.


McLean, K (2016)

Name: _____

Email: _____

I rate my sense of smell as:

Very sensitive Sensitive Average Poor Very poor

Overall comments. What did you take from the experience of walking nose-first?

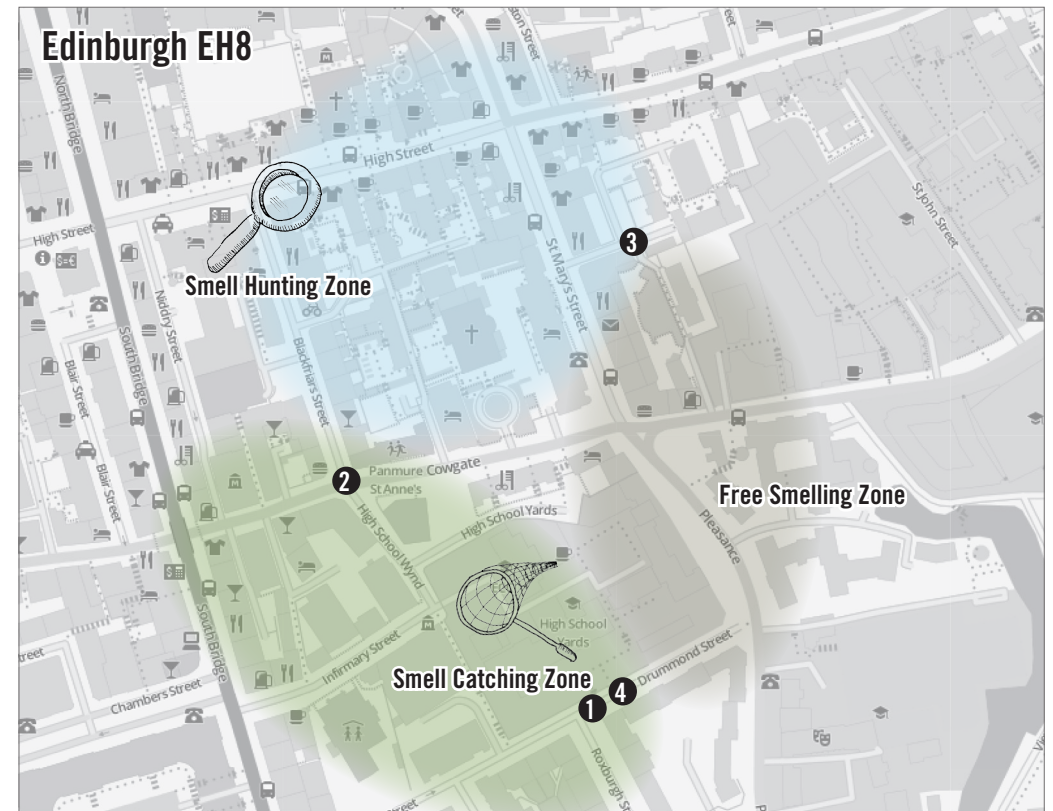
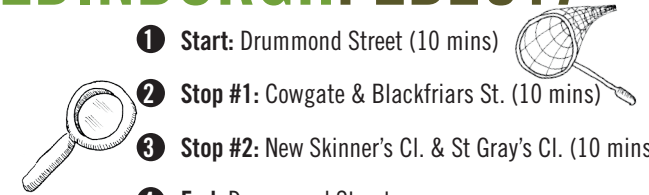
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1 Start: Drummond Street (10 mins)

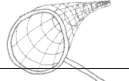








2 Stop #1: Cowgate & Blackfriars St. (10 mins)

3 Stop #2: New Skinner’s Cl. & St Gray’s Cl. (10 mins)

4 End: Drummond Street



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Smell # (locate this smell on the map)	Name of smell	Smell intensity	Smell duration	Smell like/dislike	Expected smell?		Comments / thoughts
		(weak strong)	(short long)	(dislike like)	(yes no)		
1.	Smell Catching / Passive smelling 				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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5.	Smell Hunting / Active smelling				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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9.	Free smelling (your choice of catching and / or hunting)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10.					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11.					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12.					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13.	Summary smell (indicative scent of this walk)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	